Life Science & Global Health Overview

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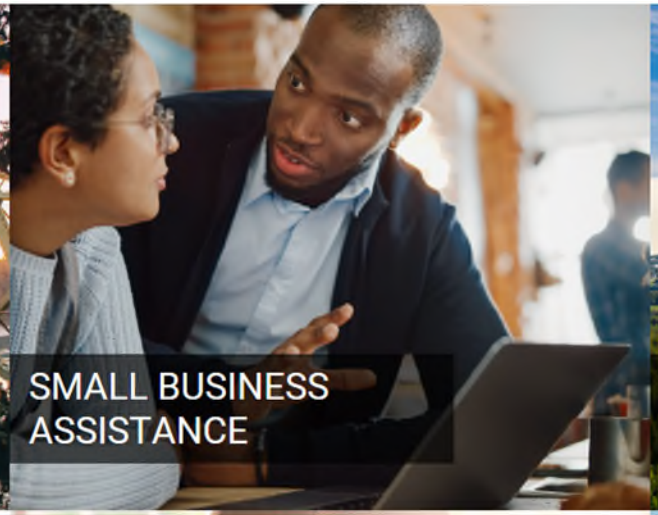
Sector Lead for Life Science and Global Health

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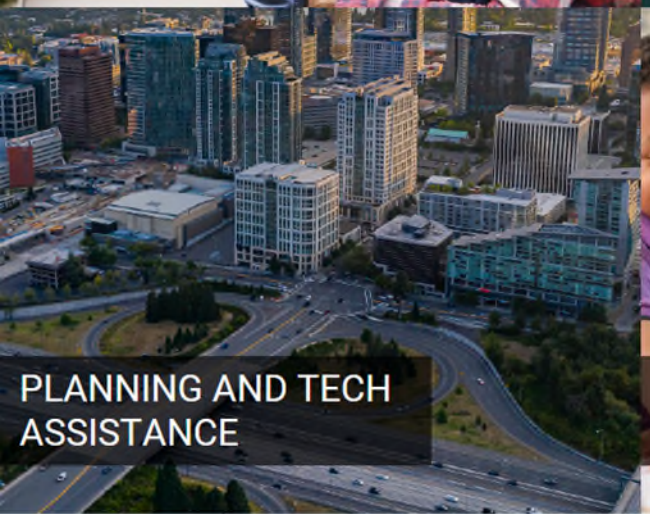
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Sector Leads

Sector Leads within the Department of Commerce serve as critical connectors with the economic industries.



- **Strategic Connectivity:** The sector lead ensures that initiatives and policies across different departments and agencies are aligned and supportive of the state's overall economic goals.
- **Subject Matter Expertise:** As a subject matter expert, the sector lead advises both internal and external stakeholders on best practices and effective strategies for the sectors.
- **Resource Allocation:** A key function of the role is to coordinate the strategic allocation of funding and resources to sector activities that are critical for the state's economic health.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** The sector lead actively engages with a wide range of stakeholders, including business leaders, labor organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies, fostering partnerships and communication.

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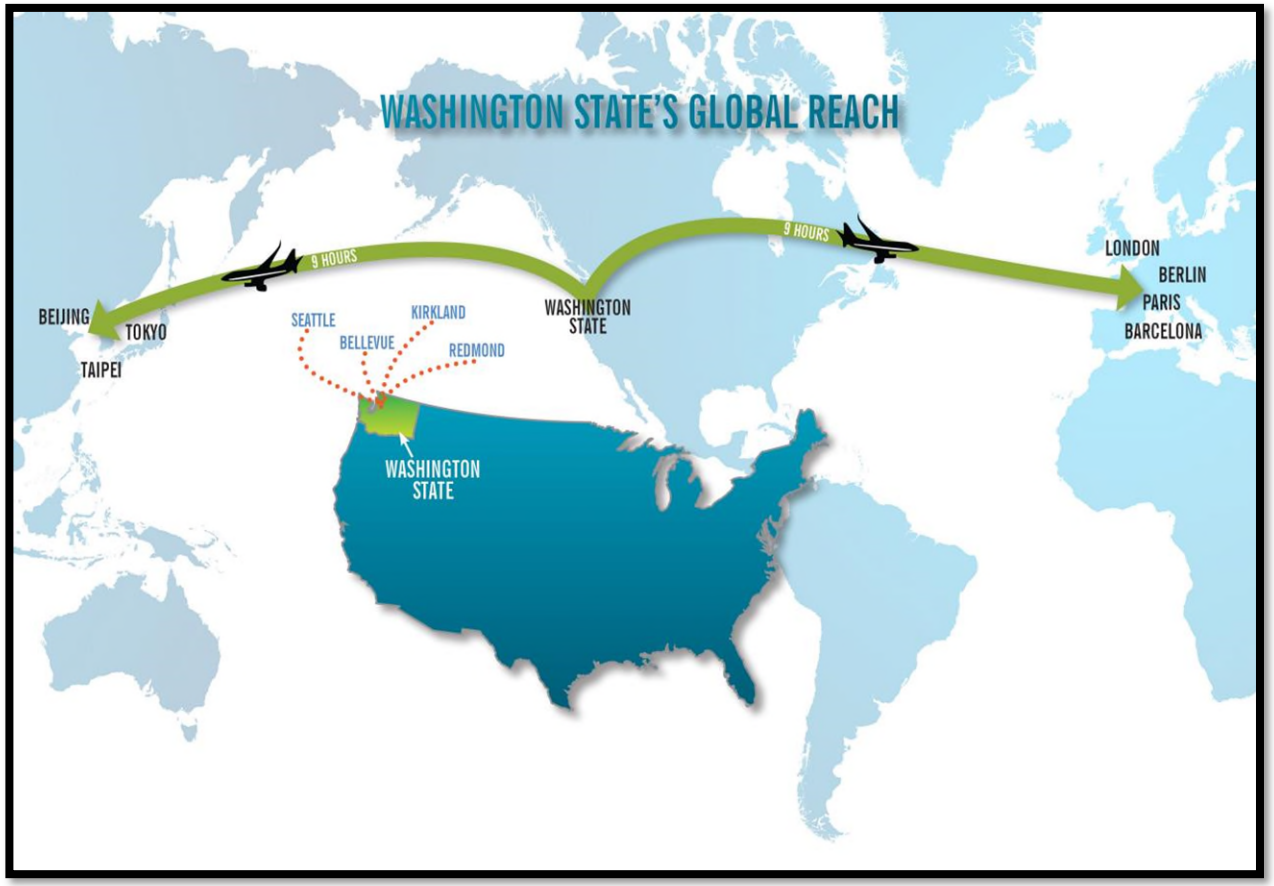
- World-class research institutions, motivated and talented entrepreneurs, and well-established organizations are recognized for their breakthrough discoveries
- Focused on supporting building a workforce pipeline to meet its needs and recruiting new companies and organizations to Washington
- Helping existing ones expand and grow, and increasing the number of internationally known researchers

Key Growing Industries

- Agricultural
- Drug & Pharmaceutical (i.e. Cancer Research)
- Medical Devices &Equipment (i.e. Biomanufacturing)
- Research testing & Medical Labs (i.e. Clinical Trials)

Washington State Connectivity





Commerce Priorities for Life Sciences

- Support Diverse Startups: Innovation has always been about generating good ideas by challenging the status quo with new viewpoints. Start an ecosystem of funding and education to help diversify innovation.
- Alternative to Higher Education: Biomanufacturing is a growing industry within this sector and can create livable wage jobs for individuals without a college degree.
- Facilities Expansion: focus on areas outside of Puget Sound and how to convert existing buildings within Puget Sound.

Key Programs and Partners

- Life Science Discovery: development of new therapies between basic research and the distribution of a finished product or service, which is funded by investors. *Funded by the Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement*
- Andy Hill CARE Fund: state initiative dedicated to advancing cancer research through collaborative partnerships and funding opportunities. *Funded by Washington State*
- Life Science Washington: non-profit trade association serving as hub of innovation across the industry
- Evergreen Bioscience: non-profit focused on innovation and work force across the Pacific Northwest

Highlights

- Life Science Discovery: Return on Investment of over $2 million
- Andy Hill CARE Fund: Approximately $60M in cancer research and led to the creation of nearly 500 jobs throughout Washington.
- Life Science Washington: Funded and supported over 20 companies with grants and mentorship
- Evergreen Bioscience: New Eastern Washington cluster supporting 5 states

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